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- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,625,145
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,215,224
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,229,402
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,404,104
- (5) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0149301
- (6) Japan 11-164576
- (7) Japan 11-220891
- (8) Japan 11-220892

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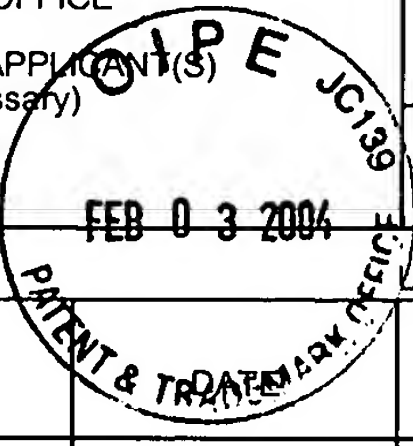
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